

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 29th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- I'll begin with some late breaking news about a letter that was written by Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Barack Obama.
- As you may know, the Prime Minister has just completed a visit to the United States where he met with Obama and also spoke to Congress.
- Astonishingly, after all the speeches and meetings that took place, it seems that Obama is demanding that Israel return to its 1967 borders.

Dear Barack Obama:

I am writing today with a somewhat unusual request. First and foremost, I will be asking that you return the United States of America to its August 20th, 1959 borders, so that Hawaii is no longer a state and thus you are no longer a citizen...

With utmost respect,

Bibi Netanyahu

Prime Minister - Israel

- Last week my sense was that the Holy Spirit was leading me to revisit something I had first talked about three years ago back in March, 2008.
- The teaching was titled "Global Warming or Global Warning." In it, we looked at some fascinating correlations as it relates to natural disasters.
- Because of the unspeakable devastation from these unprecedented tornado's, I think we'd be grossly remiss to not take another look at this.

- Before we do, I believe it's incumbent upon me to preface what we're about to see with both a qualification and a clarification related to all this.
- First; I'm not going to tackle the touchy topic of global warming for a number of reasons not the least of which is, it's been proven to be a hoax.
- Second, though global warming is now being dubbed a global conspiracy, I will be talking about "climate change," from a Biblical perspective.
- Third, because of time restraints, I will be forced to address the issue of why God allows human suffering on a global scale in a future update.

- Fourth, it's crucial we continue to pray and reach out to those affected by that which represents horrific human suffering and tragic death tolls.
- Fifth, while quoting from "God's Final Warning to America," by John McTernan's; and "Eye to Eye" by William Koenig, I'm not endorsing them.
- Sixth, this should no way be misunderstood to say that Christian's shouldn't be concerned for both our environment and or, our great country.
- Lastly, it's imperative that you be as the Bereans were, searching the scriptures for yourself in order that you may know what the truth really is.

- Now, having said that I'll begin by drawing your attention to a couple of things that deal with "climate change" which is blamed for this weather.
- Rather than calling them "natural disasters," I would suggest to you that they may actually, in fact, really be "supernatural disasters," instead.
- Furthermore, these disasters may not be just "Acts of God," as much as they're "Acts by God," removing His blessing, which brings the curse.

Genesis 12:2-3 NIV "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

- In other words, those nations who bless Israel, God will in turn bless, and those nations that curse Israel, God in turn will curse them as well.
- Here's the question; "are these supernatural disasters an 'Act by God' allowing a curse to come down upon us instead of a blessing upon us?"
- For the answer to this question, please consider how these major disasters coincided with the U.S. pressuring Israel to give up her land.

1. October 30, 1991: Then President George Bush senior opens the Madrid Conference with an initiative for a Middle East peace plan involving Israel's land. On the same day, an extremely rare storm forms off the coast of Nova Scotia. (It was eventually tagged "The Perfect Storm," and a book and movie were made about it.) Record-setting 100-foot waves form at sea and pound the New England Coast, even causing heavy damage to President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

2. August 23, 1992: The Madrid Conference moves to Washington D.C. and the peace talks resume, lasting four days. On that same day, Hurricane Andrew -- the worst natural disaster ever to hit America at that time produces an estimated \$30 billion in damage leaving 180,000 homeless in Florida.

3. January 16, 1994: Then President Bill Clinton meets with Syria's President Hafez el-Assad in Geneva. They talk about a peace agreement with Israel that includes giving up the Golan Heights. Less than 24 hours later, a powerful 6.9 earthquake rocks Southern California. This quake, centered in Northridge, is the second most destructive natural disaster, at that time, to hit the United States, behind Hurricane Andrew.

4. March to April 1997: The combination of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat touring America and Clinton rebuking Israel for not giving away her land for peace coincide with some of the worst tornadoes and flooding in US history. On the very day Arafat lands in America, powerful tornadoes devastate huge sections of the nation, ripping across Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee. Arafat's American tour also coincides with the storms in the Dakotas, which result in the worst flooding of the last century, in addition to weeks of major storms throughout the Midwest. Arafat finishes his tour and leaves the US and the storms stop.

5. September 27-28, 1998: Then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright works on the final details of an agreement in which Israel will give up 13 percent of Yesha. The same day Hurricane Georges slams into the Gulf Coast with 110 mph winds and gusts up to 175. The hurricane hits the coast and stalls. On September 28, Clinton meets with Arafat and Netanyahu at the White House to finalize the land deal. Later, Arafat addresses the United Nations about declaring an independent Palestinian state by May 1999, while Hurricane Georges pounds the Gulf Coast causing \$1 billion in damage. At the exact time Arafat departs the US the storm begins to dissipate.

6. October 15-22, 1998: On October 15, 1998, Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu meet at the Wye River Plantation in Maryland, to continue the talks which ended on September 28. The talks are scheduled to last five days with the focus on Israel giving up 13 percent of Yesha. The talks are extended and conclude on October 23. On October 17, awesome rains and tornadoes hit southern Texas. The San Antonio area is deluged with 20 inches of rain in one day. The rains and floods in Texas continue until October 22 and then subside. The floods ravage 25 percent of Texas and leave over one billion dollars in damage. On October 21, Clinton declares this section of Texas a major disaster area.

7. May 3, 1999: This is the same day in Israel that Yasser Arafat is scheduled to declare a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as the capital. The declaration is postponed to December 1999 at the request of President Clinton, whose letter to Arafat encourages him for his "aspirations for his own land." He also writes that the Palestinians have a right to "determine their own future on their own land," and that they deserve to "live free, today, tomorrow and forever." That same day, starting at 4:47 pm CST, the most powerful tornado storm system ever to hit the United States, to date, sweeps across Oklahoma and Kansas. The winds are clocked at 316 mph the fastest wind speed ever recorded.

8. August 29, 2005: Exactly one week after Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon completed the forcible eviction of Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip hurricane Katrina struck the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama with a destructive and catastrophic force. 80% of the entire city of New Orleans was left under water. Many weather experts called this the worse hurricane and natural disaster that has ever hit this country. President Bush supported Sharon's evacuation from Gaza. In April 2005 Bush and Sharon met in Crawford, Texas where Bush praised Sharon for his "strong visionary leadership" in initiating the Gaza withdrawal, known as the disengagement plan. "I strongly support his courageous initiative to disengage from Gaza and part of the West Bank," he said, referring to the withdrawal of more than 8,000 Jewish settlers from Gaza and four isolated West Bank settlements."

9. August 24-25, 2008 - The U.S. tornado season began in early January at the time of President Bush's preparation for his trip to Israel. In 2008 there was a total of 2,127 tornadoes through November .. the most-ever recorded in one year. The 2008 Atlantic Hurricane Season produced a record number of consecutive storms to strike the United States. ...For the first time on record, six consecutive tropical cyclones (Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike) made landfall on the U.S. mainland. ...Hurricanes "Gustav" and "Ike" developed into two of the costliest ... record-breaking hurricanes in U.S. history. Gustav began on August 24th and came ashore on September 2nd. Ike began on September 1st and came ashore on September 13th. This coincided with the exact time that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was in Jerusalem pressing Israel to sign a document by the end of the year that would divide Jerusalem by offering the Palestinians a stake in Israel's capital city as well as in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, ...The day Rice arrived in Jerusalem, a tropical depression began and quickly developed into Hurricane Gustav. ... On August 30th, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney canceled their planned attendance at the 2008 Republican National Convention. Because of the expected U.S. landfall, governors and some other political leaders from Louisiana and other states chose to stay home from the 2008 Republican National Convention. As the hurricane approached the coast, presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain canceled all non-essential opening-day festivities at the convention and said that he might give his acceptance speech via satellite from the affected area.

10. May 2011 to the present: Within a matter of hours, the U.S. President Barack Obama, for the first time in U.S. history, declares that Israel should return to its pre 1967 borders, a single tornado rips through the town of Joplin, Missouri claiming a death toll of over 135 and is still rising, dubbing it the deadliest single twister in the history of the United States of America. Subsequently, and even presently, this tornado season will go into the history books breaking all previous records of tornados striking this nation. These deadly tornadoes are unprecedented on two fronts, the first of which is their unthinkable size and strength, and the second of which is their sheer number. In other words, it's not that they're just enormous tornadoes, it's that there are an enormous number of tornadoes. Also, as one suggested; "they ripped through the heartland of America, because America ripped the heart of God by touching the apple of His eye, Israel."

- One might argue; disasters don't just hit the US, they happen to other nations all over the world like the recent mammoth earthquake in Japan.
- I want to be sensitive to the Japanese constituency as part of our population in Hawaii, but there's something you should know about Japan.

March 11th, 2010 - Statement by Press Secretary/Director-General for Press and Public Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the decision of the Government of Israel regarding the construction of housing units at settlements in West Bank including East Jerusalem - **"The Government of Japan deplores the decisions of the Government of Israel to give permission for the construction of 1,600 housing units in East Jerusalem in addition to 112 units in West Bank. The Government of Japan does NOT recognize any act that prejudices the final status of Jerusalem and the territories in the pre-1967 borders."**

- One year to the day, one of the most powerful earthquakes in recorded history unleashed a devastating tsunami, and moved the main island of Japan by 8 feet, shifting the Earth on its axis. Also, this declaration by Japan was restated on October 11, 2010, just five months to the day, and then again on January 11, 2011, exactly two months to the day, of what would become the fourth most powerful earthquake ever recorded in history, with a magnitude of 9.1, not to mention the unprecedented tsunami that followed, the likes of which had never been seen in recent memory.

Obadiah 1:15 NIV "The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

Zechariah 12:(3), (9) NIV (3), On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. ... **(9)** On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

Poem from the Pew

Now I lay me down to sleep, the sermon's long, the subject deep
If he get through before I wake, someone give me a gentle shake